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Business Affairs Committee
UNCW Board of Trustees
Thursday, July 15, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

MINUTES

The Business Affairs Committee of the UNCW Board of Trustees met on Thursday, July 15, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. Members present: Mr. Jeff Clark, Mr. Chip Mahan, Mr. Hank Miller, Mr. Bob Rippy, Mr. Woody White, and Mr. Carlton Fisher (Chair).

Mr. Fisher called the meeting to order and read the required ethics statement from the State Government Ethics Act. No conflicts were identified.

Mr. Fisher asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the April 29, 2021 meeting. Mr. White made a motion to “approve the minutes of the April 29, 2021 meeting as presented.” Mr. Clark seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Facilities Action Item: Veterans Hall – Cadaver Laboratory Designer Approval

Mr. Mark Morgan, Associate Vice Chancellor for Facilities, began by providing an overview of the Cadaver Laboratory Project in Veterans Hall. As described by Mr. Morgan, the 2,800 sf lab will provide the space needed for training UNCW’s students enrolled in the health sciences, and also provide a location for UNCW to offer continuing professional education for healthcare professionals in the region.

To enable this project to proceed, Mr. Morgan requested Board of Trustee approval for the prioritized list of architectural firms for the Cadaver Laboratory project as provided in the July board meeting materials. The prioritized list is as follows:

1. SGA/NarmourWright Design
2. Moseley Architects
3. LS3P Associates LTD

Subsequent to approval, the University will begin fee negotiations with the chosen firms in rank order until acceptable contract terms are reached.
Mr. White made a motion to approve the above action item. Mr. Mahan seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Following the action item, Mr. Morgan then provided an update on the installation of the *Because It’s Time Monument* and current capital projects, including: the Coastal Engineering Facility, the P3 Student Housing project, the Shore Dining Facility, the Randall Library Renovation and Expansion project, and the Outdoor Recreation Fields and Facilities Improvements project.

**Action Item: Funding Resolution for Walton Drive Recreation Fields and Facility Improvements**

Following Mr. Morgan’s presentation, Mr. Miles Lackey, Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs, requested Board of Trustee Approval to issue bonds to pay for the design and construction costs associated with the Walton Drive Recreation Fields and Facilities Improvements Project.

The total cost of the project is not to exceed $9.75 million and the debt will be supported by revenues generated by the $52 Student Recreation Debt Fee that was passed by the Board of Trustees at the December 2020 meeting.

Mr. Rippy made a motion to approve the above action item. Mr. Clark seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**Action Item: South College Road Feasibility Study Resolution**

Following Mr. Lackey’s presentation, Ms. Sharon Boyd, Associate Vice Chancellor for Business Services, requested Board of Trustee approval of a resolution in support of the NC Department of Transportation conducting a feasibility study to evaluate solutions for improved bicycle and pedestrian crossings of South College Road in the vicinity of UNCW.

Options to be studied would include, but not be limited to, the addition of bridges over, or tunnels under South College Road. It is expected that the study will take approximately six months to complete.

Mr. White made a motion to approve the above action item. Mr. Rippy seconded the motion and the motion carried.
Following Ms. Boyd’s presentation, Chris Bertram, Interim Chief of Police, described the significant progress that had been made by the University Police Department towards being accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies.

While not yet final, the on-site review from the accrediting team was recently completed and a final report is expected to be received later this month. It is Mr. Bertram’s expectation that the department will receive a favorable recommendation for accreditation which will be made official by the Commission later this year.

Following Mr. Bertram’s report, Miles Lackey then provided the Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs Update. First, Mr. Lackey provided an overview of the more than $62 million in emergency aid that UNCW has been awarded as a result of COVID-19. Specifically, Mr. Lackey described how the funding had been used to (1) prepare campus to operate safely under pandemic conditions, (2) provide grants to students with financial need, and (3) offset operating deficits in many of the auxiliaries and fee supported areas across campus.

Following Mr. Lackey’s overview of the emergency aid programs, he provided a status and planning update pursuant to UNCW’s legislative priorities.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.